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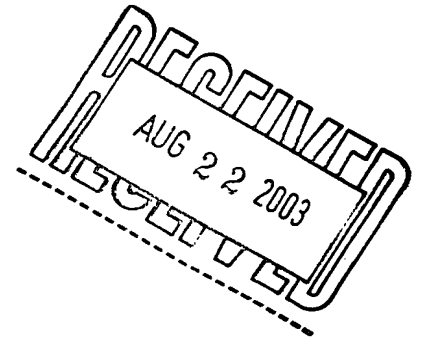
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,911,132
AB United States Patent No. 5,810,747
AL European Application 0 652 528
AM PCT Application WO 00/32258
AN PCT Application WO 99/63886
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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited during prosecution of a counterpart foreign application. For the references which are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. A translation of

Reference AP is not readily available to the Applicants, an English language Abstract is attached thereto.


Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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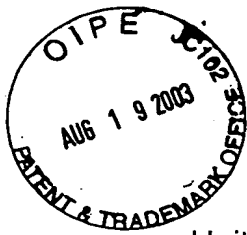
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